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whole deal is off. So I'm not going to support the Raikes amendment simply because I don't think it's the right way to go and, with that, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Tyson, on the advancement of LB 385.

SENATOR TYSON: Call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, Senator Tyson, but that won't be necessary. Yours is the last light.

SENATOR TYSON: Oh.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So, Senator Janssen, you are recognized to close on LB 385, if you wish to.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. One thing I want to stress is that if a request for these dollars is made, if DED says, yes, we're going to authorize your grant, first of all, the funds have to be there, which they aren't yet. Down the road they will be, hopefully. Hopefully, the convention center in Omaha is a big success so the funds keep coming in better. All right. If that's the case, if they make an approval of a grant, the buck stops right here. Forty-nine of us have to agree, or at least 25 have to agree, that this is the right thing to do. So there are plenty catches here. I know that this is something that the rural cities are quite concerned about. City of Lincoln is concerned about it also. So, with that, I think we've had a very good discussion and the arguments are there on both sides, but I leave that up for your decision to make. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 385 to E & R Initial. The question before the body is, shall that bill be advanced? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on advancement of LB 385 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of